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CROSS COUNTRY ENDS,
TRACK BEGINS

MISSOULA--

With the women's cross country season over, the University of Montana is looking ahead to the track season, said head coach Dick Koontz.

Montana's indoor squad will have many familiar faces since most of the harriers will join the team as well as returning lettermen from last year's track squad.

UM's indoor schedule will be made up of three meets -- the first one to be held Feb. 2. Koontz will be using the indoor meets to prepare his team for the outdoor season.

"We won't rest before (the outdoor season)," he said. "We'll be training and using the indoor meets as a measure of where we are."

One plus for the Grizzlies is that freshman cross country runner Gretchen Goebel will be returning to the Montana squad. Goebel, one of UM's top finishers, was injured during cross country season.

Montana had a very successful cross country season. The Grizzlies had two national qualifiers, Shelly Thompson and Linda Becker. They were the first two Grizzlies to qualify since Montana has been in Division I of N.C.W.S.A. Region 9.

At A.I.A.W. nationals, Thompson finished the 5,000-meter course in 125th place (18:38.6) in a field of 248 entries with her teammate finishing 192nd (20:07.5). Both women are freshmen.

With the experience gained from the season, Koontz predicts that Montana will be a strong contender next year in its region.

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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
1979-80 SEASON
(TENTATIVE)

Indoor Track

Feb. 2	Mountain West Invitational	Pocatello, ID
Feb. 9	Vandal Invitational	Moscow, ID
Feb. 16	UM/UW/EWU	Cheney, WA
Feb. 23	NSWSA Regionals	Moscow, ID
Mar. 7-8	Indoor AIAW Nationals	

Outdoor Track

Mar. 20	SCC Invitational	Spokane, WA
Mar. 29	WSU/UI/UM	Pullman, WA
Apr. 5	BSU/UM	Missoula
Apr. 11	EWU/UM	Missoula
Apr. 19	UM Invitational	Missoula
May 9-10	NCWSA Regionals	Seattle, WA
May 23-24	AIAW Nationals	

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